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Principals.
The New York police department
asks for the modest little sum of \$7,-
000,000 for the expenses to be incurred
in keeping the Gothams in order
during 1897.

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There has been a steadily increasing
demand for American horses in
England. This may have arisen
largely from the greatly reduced
prices.

American fisher Indians used to live
in the proportion of 100 to twenty-
four square miles, whereas in India
10,000 persons are found on the
average of twenty-four square miles
and in Europe 15,000.

It is said that Emperor William is
considering the advisability of recall-
ing all the officers whom he loaned to
the Chinese Government for the pur-
pose of instructing the Mongolian
warriors in the arts of civilized war-
fare.

The 150 families near Duluth, Minn.,
who have sold out there and are about
to start for Georgia are only the ad-
vance guard of a host of immigrants
who, announces the Atlanta Journal,
will come from the Northwest to
Georgia during the next twelve
months.

Iron has been called the thermome-
ter of trade and perhaps it does fur-
nish a better test of general commer-
cial conditions than any other one
thing. It is therefore gratifying to
the Atlanta Journal to observe a very
cheerful tone in the periodicals in this
country which are devoted to the vari-
ous departments of the iron trade.
Without exception they declare that
there has been a remarkable improve-
ment in business and that the indica-
tions are that this improvement will
continue.

The Pullman Palace Car Company
does not issue an insurance policy
against cold every time a passenger
buys a ticket. At least, that is what
the Canadian courts have held in the
suit brought against the company by
James J. McGaffigan, a tea merchant
of St. John, New Brunswick. He
bought a ticket in Boston, but when
he went on board found all the berths
sold and occupied, and he had to ac-
cept a seat in the car. During the
night the heat was shut off and he con-
tracted a severe cold. He asked \$20,-
000 damages.

The Baltimore Sun says that Julius
Barthman is to establish the beet-sugar
industry in South Carolina. He has
recently returned from Germany,
where he spent some time among the
farmers in the interest of his project.
He will bring over 500 families from
Saxony within the next two years.
He has secured 18,000 acres of land in
South Carolina, and will divide it into
farms of twenty-five, fifty and one
hundred acres. The average size of a
beet-sugar farm will be about fifty
acres. It is not proposed to plant the
whole of this land in the single crop,
but to devote a third to beets and put
the rest in the usual crops of the
South.

What are wasps good for? Professor
Meldola explains in Nature: "We
found hundreds of wasps scattered
about the window-ledge inside the
room, and we were at first at a loss to
explain the depredation. While
watching, the mystery was solved.
The upper part of the window had
been left open a few inches, and a
wasp came through, caught a fly on
the glass pane, instantly clipped off
its wings, and flew out of the open
upper part of the window with the
body. Other wasps followed and re-
peated the process. For about an
hour we observed the continuous
arrival of wasps, every one of which
seized a fly before departing."

Judge Parker, of Arkansas, has just
died, leaving behind the unique dis-
tinction of having imposed the death
penalty on more men than any other
jurist in the United States. This may
seem a sort of gruesome bouquet to lay
upon a dead man's grave, remarks the
New York Times, but when we
consider the increasing number of
homicides in the United States, and
the small number of executions (less
than the lynchings), it is not such a
mean tribute after all. It would be
interesting to know how Judge Parker
managed to get juries that would
convict. It would also be worth
while to inquire how many of his
sentences were set aside by Appellate
Courts or defeated by pardons from
the Governor. At all events, a few
more Judges like Parker are needed in
Arkansas—and several other States.

Poor Lo at last seems to be making
progress in the art of agriculture. It
is reported that the Shoshone and
Arapahoe Indians of Wyoming raised
enough oats and potatoes during the
past season to supply their own wants
and to fill the contract for these com-
modities at Fort Washakie.

ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Dispute Important as That of
Venezuela.

Canadian Encroachments Met by
Secretary Olney.

GLoucester, Mass., Jan. 4.—The United
States and Great Britain are now engaged in
a boundary dispute besides which the Venez-
uelan case pales into insignificance, as far
as the value of the territory involved is con-
cerned, say those familiar with the dis-
trict.

The territory which the British claim, be-
tween the original boundary line and their
new claim, is a strip of land of immense
mineral value, containing undeveloped gold
and other resources, and is really the key to
Alaska.

In the last few years the Canadians, real-
izing the immense value of this territory,
have sent out surveyors, who are making sur-
veys and endeavoring in every possible way
to lay a foundation to their claims to this
strip, the possibilities of which are so little
realized in this country.

See, Olney, it appears, is fully alive to the
importance of this matter, and quite recently
has taken decided steps to hold this terri-
tory against all comers. The Canadians are
equally aggressive, and for several years a
party of their engineers have pushed into
American territory into the vicinity of
Juncos and the Taku river. They as-
serted that they intended to establish a
Canadian province in this terri-
tory, but Acting Governor Rogers
checked this bold move by notifying
these land grabbers that he would call out
the entire militia and swear the entire
native population into the service to resist,
if any attempts were made to occupy any
portion of American territory, or if they in-
terfered in any way with the rights of
American citizens.

This coast line claimed by Great Britain
is of vast importance, furnishing the only
outlet for the products of Interior Alaska,
and is of the greatest value as an entrance
to the vast gold and other mineral fields
of that country. Already the gold pros-
pectors have pushed over the mountains to the
head of Lynn canal, on which is the town of Py-
ramid Harbor. This is at the mouth of Chil-
ikot inlet, the route taken by the gold min-
ers.

Should England succeed in wresting this
territory from the United States, she would
immediately build railroads and control the
trade of this region, whose mining interests
will eventually reach vast proportions. The
loss of this disputed territory would mean
four breaks in the continuity of American
shore possessions, from St. Lawrence Port
Longue, perhaps 1,000 miles of coast line
in all.



DR. ADOLPH DEUCHER.
The newly elected president of Switzer-
land. Dr. Deucher is a native of Stockhorn
in Thurgau, and was born in 1831.

MACEO IS ALIVE.

Reports of the Fact and of Spanish
Treachery Still Being Confirmed.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 4.—Confirmations
of the report that Maceo is alive are coming
constantly from the field, and all tend
to show that he is recuperating rapidly. Ac-
cording to the medical conditions explain the
nature of his wounds and confirm previous
reports of their character and repeat the story
of Zertuche's treachery.

These reports say that Maceo with his
staff came to meet Ahumada under a flag of
truce, and that Ciriadeta and his forces were
ambushed. As soon as Maceo appeared the
Spaniards opened fire, Maceo being in
front, fell from his horse. Gomez also fell
at his side. The rest of the staff, some of
whom were wounded, managed to escape,
and reached Havana.

Acosta's camp instantly gathered all its
small forces and rushed to the assistance.
They made a desperate fight and drove
Ciriadeta into Puentes. Maceo, being in
bodies, and carried the apparently dead
Maceo with them. He remained unconscious
four days and five nights, and when pre-
pared for burial it was found he was still alive.
As soon as he was able to be transported he
was carried to the Cienega hospital, though
others say to Sagunaga.

It is said that the project of the Cubans, as
soon as Maceo is able to move, is to send
him to the United States, and thus perma-
nently prove that he is alive.

SNOW LIES DEEP.

Blizzard Blowing in the Northwest—
Genuine Blizzard.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 4.—A blizzard is
blowing in this section over an area 400
miles North and South and 600 miles East and
West. Over most of Minnesota it has been
blowing from 14 to 24 hours, and there is
from seven to 16 inches of snow on the
ground. The wind is blowing a gale from
the North.

The snow is damp and packs so solidly on
the railway tracks that it is difficult for the
snowplows to work through it. The snow
has also made a wreck of telegraph wires to
the North and West of St. Paul. All trains
are still moving, though some of them are
hours late.

South Dakota dispatches say the storm
extends as far West as the Black Hills. In
the region along the Missouri river from
Chamberlain, South Dakota, to the North
Dakota line, trains are having great diffi-
culty in moving, some of them having been
abandoned for the night.

The temperature is from 15 degrees to 18
degrees above zero, though at 9 o'clock it
was rapidly growing colder. There will be
suffering among live stock if the mercury
drops to zero.

Savings Bank Suspends.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 4.—The Omaha Sav-
ings Bank failed to open for business.
Former Senator Manderson is president of
the bank, and J. E. Willard cashier. The
bank was established in 1882. Its deposits
were \$1,500,000 six months ago, but with-
drawals have reduced them to less than
\$500,000. The face value of assets almost
reached \$1,100,000, and capital and surplus
are \$185,000.

Cabinet Place for California.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Cal-
ifornia delegation has received assurances
from Canton that if they can settle their fac-
tional differences California will get a cabi-
net appointment. The delegation will
make an attempt to unite upon some one.
The name of John D. Spreckels is said to be
favorably mentioned for secretary of the
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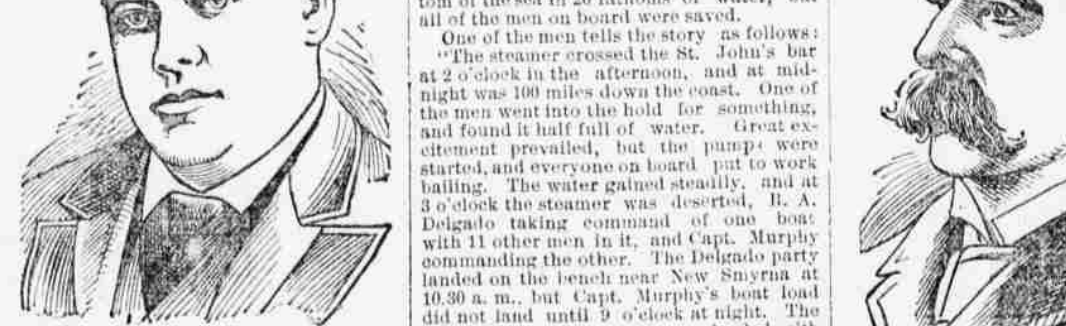
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COMMODORE SUNK.

Sudden End of Suspected Philis-
tine's Trip.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 4.—The ill-
fated steamer Commodore, which left
this port recently, is now resting on the bot-
tom of the sea in 20 fathoms of water, but
all of the men on board were saved.

One of the men tells the story as follows:
"The steamer crossed the St. John's bar
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at mid-
night was 100 miles down the coast. One of
the men went into the hold for something,
and found it half full of water. Great ex-
citement prevailed, but the pumps were
started, and everyone on board put to work
sailing. The water gained steadily, and at
3 o'clock the steamer was deserted. R. A.
Delgado taking command of one boat,
with 11 other men in it, and Capt. Murphy
commanding the other, the Delgado party
landed on the beach near New Smyrna at
10:30 a. m., but Capt. Murphy's boat had
not landed until 9 o'clock at night. The
boat is said to have been overloaded with
coal when it left here, and it is thought that
she sprang her seams when she grounded on
Commodore's Point in going down the St.
John's."

Wonderful Craft.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 4.—A model of
an electric vessel for which a really mar-
velous speed is promised by the inventor
has been constructed here. It is a distinct
entity in very many respects. Its promotors
are planning to build a vessel 200 feet long,
which is to have 14 propellers, six placed
forward to draw it through the water, and
eight astern as pushers—the arrangement,
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